

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church Inventory Number: B-5106
Address: 4640 Edmondson Avenue Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21229 County: Baltimore City
USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West
Property Owner: Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church Tax Account ID Number: 28057957001
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: 28
Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study Agency: Mass Transit Administration
Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Katherine Larson Farnham Date Prepared: 8/24/2005
Documentation is presented in: Enoch Pratt Free Library Maryland Room vertical files; Hunting Ridge Community Assembly, Hunting Ridge: the Story of a Neighborhood (2001).
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church property contains a large church and an adjacent church school building, set on a level 1.66-acre parcel on the north side of Edmondson Ave. The property spans the southern portion of the block between Glen Allen Dr. on the east and Winans Way on the west, and is located adjacent to the Hunting Ridge Historic District. The two buildings are set end-to-end and parallel to Edmondson Avenue, with access driveways off the side streets. The land is raised several feet above the sidewalk and consists largely of open lawns, with some shrubs in front and mature trees at the sides and rear. There is a large paved parking lot between the church school building and Edmondson Avenue.

The church is a two-and-one-half-story brick and stucco Tudor Revival sanctuary. It is side-gabled, with its long side parallel to Edmondson Ave. The church has a steep-pitched, multicolored slate roof and Flemish bond brick walls. The nave has four exposed bays, separated by brick buttresses. The windows are eight-paned paired casements with stained glass lights. The oblong nave roof is broken by three cross-gables of differing heights. At the eastern end of the nave is the smallest front gable, which has a half-timbered frame and stucco façade and is flush with the east end wall. It is one and one-half-story tall with a gable peak vent. Its first-floor is obscured by shrubs, so fenestration is undetermined. At the west end of the church are the other two cross-

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gables, set side-by-side. The largest gable is flush with the west end of the nave and projects forward two bays from the nave's front wall. At the rear of these two bays contains the entrance from the Glen Allen Drive side, with a hipped slate-sided dormer above. This gable section is two-and-one-half stories tall and has a brick first floor and a half-timbered upper section. It is four bays wide, with three stepped windows suggesting an interior ramp, and a large front entrance at the east end of the front. This entrance bay is recessed slightly from the rest of the gable section, and has all brick facing up to the second floor. The entrance has a round-arched flat stone surround and a pair of multipaned glass doors with a glass transom above. These doors appear to be modern. A secondary interior entrance can be seen inside this vestibule. The upper floor of this section contains a single pair of stained-glass casement windows identical to those on the nave. Directly behind the front entrance bay of the big gable is the third cross-gable, which is the tallest and narrowest of the three. This one is the same height as the main nave roof and has a single eight-pane casement on its half-timbered upper level. The window appears to be "blind" with gilded painted decoration. At the southwest corner of the nave, behind the large front gable and above the side entrance, is a combination chimney and bell tower. The chimney is tall with two pots, and the bell is hung in a shorter section to the left with an arched opening and a miniature side-gabled roof with slate tiles. A one-story covered passageway runs from the east end of the church to the church school building.

To the east of the church and passageway is the church school building, which is a two-and-one-half-story brick building facing east to Glen Allen Dr. It is constructed of common-bond brick and has a steep multicolored slate roof with its gable end facing Glen Allen Dr. and its long side facing Edmondson Ave. It is three bays wide, with a front-gabled, half-timbered center entry porch flanked by one window on each side. There are two second-floor windows. The windows are paired multipaned casements on the first floor, and double-hung on the second floor. The church school building is six bays long, with hip-roofed dormers on the second floor.

This congregation was one of many in the area that began at a downtown location and later moved to the suburbs. It was founded as the Lafayette Square Presbyterian Church in 1875, and was a consolidation of two older congregations, the Greene St. and Dolphin St. Presbyterian churches. A new church was built in 1880 on Carrollton Ave. between Lafayette and Lanvale Sts. Rapid population shifts and expansions after World War I left this church and others in the middle of what was now a black neighborhood. White city dwellers who had made up the congregations of these churches were moving to streetcar-accessible new suburbs in droves, and the churches began to follow them. Lafayette Square Presbyterian elected to relocate to the newly developing suburb of Hunting Ridge and sold its 1880 church to St. John's AME in early 1929. Land was purchased on Edmondson Ave. in Hunting Ridge, and the new building was designed in a "Norman English village church" style by the Department of Architecture of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions. The new church was completed and dedicated in February 1930. It seated 200, and the congregation in 1931 was about 232 in number. Continued development of the surrounding suburban area led to increased neighborhood population and growth within the congregation of Hunting Ridge Presbyterian. By 1950, the church decided to construct a new building to house church school facilities. Ground was broken for the church school building in 1951, and it was completed in 1952. Historic photos show both buildings looking much as they do now. Some modifications were made to the front of the church in the 1990s to accommodate an entrance for the disabled.

Hunting Ridge Presbyterian is a well-preserved facility which retains most of its historic integrity. It is constructed in an English "village" subset of Tudor Revival which is common on houses, including many in Hunting Ridge, but somewhat unusual on ecclesiastical structures. Though the church school building is two decades newer than the church, it was well-located and constructed in a complementary style. It clearly contributes to the historic atmosphere of the property. This pair of buildings meets the high artistic values standard for Criteria Consideration A, and the Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church property is recommended eligible for the NRHP.

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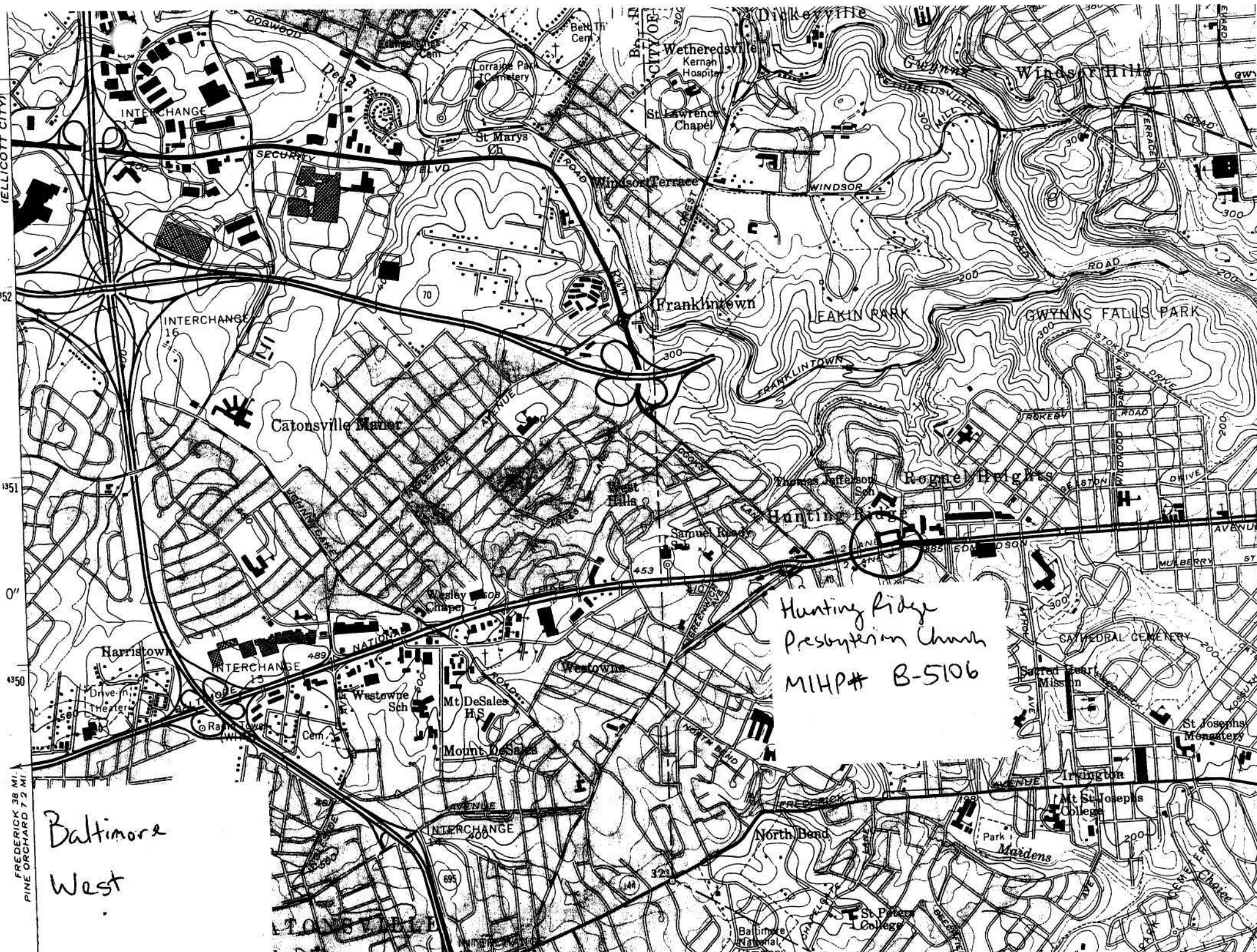
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view of church, to NE

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View of church + school wing, to N

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